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Mr. Elam,

Why has the PSC enabled the Dominion name and company to be allowed on any of the dockets, except the ones dealing with the merger, to date? The merger has not been finalized and yet their name and company is in the dockets about the rate changes as if they were involved. They are NOT! The PSC needs to place the issue about the merger on a separate docket from any and all issues to do with the VC Summer fiasco, or NND as SCANA would have you list it. Changing the title of this mess is not going to change what is going on. It is still the VC Summer Nuclear Reactor debacle! And all the rate increases and problems at the site were

determined BEFORE Dominion showed their huge head.

I know there are large amounts of money being thrown out by Dominion to make it appear they have an interest in this, but the fact is, they don't legally. Their interests are in keeping the ratepayers paying by changing up the ownership now, in hopes there will be no rights to claim reparations by the ratepayers after the merger becomes fact.

The PSC has the power in their hands right now to separate the dockets (the merger separate from the rate changes and VC Summer closure) and keep the water clear. This muddy water created by SCANA is intentional and only the blind cannot see it. Believe me, the public sees it... and so do many of our Representative and Senators. If that were not true, the temporary rate reduction would not have passed.

I know the PSC is being inundated with problems right now from the nuclear reactor fiasco as well as the leak going on by Westinghouse at the Bluff Road plant. Please, keep in mind, Westinghouse is the exact same company that claimed bankruptcy and abandoned the new construction at the VC Summer nuclear reactors. If you cannot see that Westinghouse is not to be trusted in any endeavor they are connected with, what will it take?

Westinghouse is the designer of the two AP1000 nuclear reactors that were being built at VC Summer, and those plans were never, ever in a

state of completion by any schedule from the very start of the build. Because of that, it is safe to say any increase in rates should have been refused by the PSC from the very first until a full schedule and budget was presented. Yes, a schedule without the loopholes of "figures unknown at this time".

All you, with the Commission, had to do was say, "the rate increase would not be prudent AT THIS TIME." Forcing SCANA to actually prove their costs, prove their schedule, prove their dates. And at that point you, the PSC, could have stood your ground.

Only one AP1000 unit in China has just been connected to the grid. But it is in testing stages and still not in commercial operation. And there has been no date given of when, or if, that will happen. Mmm...Weshinghouse, no schedule, sound familiar? And there has been no expense information as to how much that unit has cost the Chinese government to date.

The State of South Carolina needs to look at other sources of energy, so we can be independent and strong as a state. Joining with Dominion is not the answer. If you think the PSC is having problems now, just listen to what has been said about Dominion in Virginia and the other states Dominion is operating in.

This buy-in that Dominion is constructing is, most likely, a smoke screen for Dominion to push in their pipeline to get to the states on the other side of us. We don't need them. We need to

stand on our own and be strong in and of ourselves.

SCE&G has workers who are very capable and know their work. We have the fastest recovery rate of most states when a disaster happens. Even if SCANA goes bankrupt, SCE&G can stand on it's own. That money will still be coming in. IF the money we ratepayers spend for what we consume is kept with the utility and not given to the Corporation of SCANA, it can and will sustain itself! We are still paying our bills, we are still using the electricity and gas. That won't stop just because SCANA can't get the Millions of dollars it wants in order to keep the upper echelon of its corporation in high paying low working positions.

Sandra Wright

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